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Applicant

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Title

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AND HAVING IMPROVED GROWTH

CHARACTERISTICS AND METHODS FOR

MAKING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to Document PCT/DO/EO/916 regarding "Notification of Defective Response" and mailed 18 August 2006, attached hereto are the following documents to complete the United States national phase of the above-identified application:

1) Declaration and Power of Attorney identifying citizenship of each inventor;

2) four-month Petition for Extension of Time with check in the amount of \$795.00; and

the required copy of the above-mentioned "Notification" to be returned 3) with response.

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The Notification of Defective Response was mailed on August 18, 2006 and allowed for a one-month free response time period. The original Notification of Missing Requirements was dated March 22, 2006; therefore, this Response to Notification of Defective Response is being submitted with a four-month Petition for Extension of Time, along with a check in the amount of \$795.00, considering the four-month extension of time from the original Missing Requirements mailing date.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One(1) original and one (1) copy of this Letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/01/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/01/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/01/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 12/01/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 05/04/2006
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 12/01/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/01/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 12/01/2005

Applicant's response filed 05/04/2006 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 03/22/2006 have not been completed.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - does not identify the citizenship of each inventor.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed

to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.

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